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Re: Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) FY 02-04 FTIP Transit Amendment 5

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

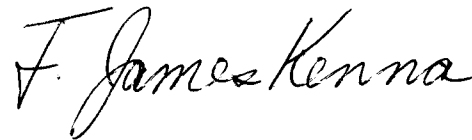

Thank you for your letter, dated April 15, 2003, approving the TCAG FY 02-04 FTIP Transit Amendment 5. It lists 2 projects for funding by the Federal Transit Administration. The projects are modified funding for the Visalia Intermodal Transit Facility from STP and FTA Section 5307, and acquisition of two LNG bus engines.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Paul Page, at (415) 744-2734.

Sincerely

  
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Regional Administrator

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